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LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 1810 hours on 3 July 1996 two 9-metre Kuwaiti boats, one grey and the other white and each mounting a medium single-barrel machine-gun and carrying three persons, approached to within a distance of 400 metres of one of our boats near buoy No. 15 in the Khawr Abd Allah, inside our territorial waters. They were driven off by our boat and took flight in the direction of the Kuwaiti coast. At 1820 hours on the same day an unidentified blue helicopter overflew our boats for five minutes before returning in the direction of Kuwaiti airspace.

In conveying to you the protest of the Government of Iraq against these unwarranted Kuwaiti acts of provocation, I request you to intervene, as is required of you by the responsibilities entrusted to you under the Charter of the United Nations, in order to prevent any repetition of such acts by Kuwait and to see to it that Kuwait is held responsible for engaging in actions that escalate tension and adversely affect security and stability in the region.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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